

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held January 6, 2011, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chad Anderson	Chris Anderson	Torry Brean (Arr 7:20)
	Matt Deskovick	Scotty Ensign	Bob Hailey
	Carl Hickman	Eb Hogervorst	Kristi Mansolf
	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong	Paul Stykel
	Angus Tobiason	Richard Tomlinson	Kevin Wallace

Excused Absences: None

Chris Anderson, RCPG Chair, acted as Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: Seating of Newly Elected/Appointed RCPG Members

The Chair welcomed RCPG returning members Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick, Kristi Mansolf, Dennis Sprong, and new members Carl Hickman, Scotty Ensign and Kevin Wallace. The all newly elected RCPG members took an oath of office administered by the Chair.

ITEM 4: DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM (Mansolf) – The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present.

ITEM 5: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes – No Absences

ITEM 6: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair) – None

ITEM 7: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – No Items Were Brought Forward.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Jim Piva, the motion **passed 15-0-0-0-0**.

ITEM 9: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12-2-10 (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2010.

Upon motion made by Paul Stykel and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 14-0-1-0-0**, with Scotty Ensign abstaining.

**ITEM 10: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda
(No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)**

Speaker: Dan Ruops, Ramona Resident

Mr. Ruops said he is concerned with the flooding near Hwy 67 by Letton and Julian following the recent rains. The flooding has increased over the years. People live downstream of this flooding. There is a 2-1/2 foot dam behind the C-21 building. It was removed once, but now it is in again. There is a culvert by the C-21 building. For 24 hours the entire lot was under water within 100 feet of Hwy 67. Mr. Ruops has spoken to several people at DPW and has found no one who will take responsibility for investigating the problem. He asked the RCPG to use their influence with government agencies to have this problem investigated.

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brennecke passed out information on the Ramona Street Extension project. He asked the RCPG members to read the information as it is too much information to present in 3 minutes. The Ramona Street project has unmitigable impacts. There are design flaws. Every design will have the same flaw. He asked the RCPG to take the project off the Capital Improvement Project List and the Circulation Element.

ITEM 11: Presentation by County DPW on the San Vicente Drainage Project. Increase the Size of the Culvert under San Vicente Rd. (460 Feet) (Discussion and Possible Action)

Dion McMicheaux said Mr. Ruops could contact him regarding drainage issues. Mr. Mischeaux and Robert Torres presented the San Vicente Drainage Project. Mr. McMicheaux is the project manager. The project will increase the size of the culvert under San Vicente Road and be between San Vicente Terrace and Barger Place, near the high school. The culvert is about 460 feet long, and discharges to the south of the high school. The County has been designing the project for 9 months.

The project is listed on the County's Flood Control Drainage Master Plan due to the culvert being determined inadequate to convey the 100 year flood flow rate. The environmental phase is nearing completion. They plan to have the design completed in February. Construction is planned to begin in June and be completed in November.

Mr. Deskovick said he doesn't remember seeing an issue here. The flooding issue spoken about as a non-agenda item he has heard about previously.

Mr. McMicheaux said a lot of the existing culverts are undersized. The County Hydrology Manual was revised in 2005. The County has a list of projects. Each area is examined, and they try to complete 2 a year County-wide.

Mr. Deskovick said he is more concerned with problems we are aware of than this project.

Mr. McMicheaux said this project is funded. If it is not done, the money will go to another project, and it may not be in Ramona.

Mr. Torres said that this area by the creek is an identified FEMA floodplain. Work such as what is proposed by an identified floodplain helps to protect houses and lower insurance.

Mr. Deskovick said he can't see spending the money on this project when there are other flooding issues that we are aware of that seem worse than this area.

Mr. Tobiason said he agrees. Money should be spend on the Santa Maria Creek. There is water running through the softball fields.

Mr. Piva drove by the ag parking lot (at the high school) in the rain, and the parking lot was flooded and covered with mud. Will the San Vicente Drainage project address this issue? Will the riverbed be cleaned out on the outlet side?

Mr. McMicheaux said they may be able to address it if they know about it.

Mr. Torres said the problem Mr. Piva is mentioning is a downstream problem.

Mr. Hogervorst said that where the bridge is, the creek gets so high the parking lot is under water.

Mr. McMicheaux said he will look at this.

Mr. Anderson asked when the current improvements were installed?

Mr. McMicheaux said he didn't know.

Mr. Sprong said the parking lot has flooded many times.

Mr. Torres said the channel is constricted. The flow will be transferred downstream of the parking lot.

Ms. Mansolf asked if the velocity of the water will be increased downstream from the project area? It was brought to the RCPG's attention that the area spoken of as a non-agenda item for flooding over by Letton, Kelly and Julian was a severe flooding issue in June of 2010 when DPLU proposed increasing density on Raymond from 2 dwelling units per acre to 15 in the GP Update. We wrote a letter to the Planning Commission making them aware of the problem and asked them to investigate. A response was made to the Planning Commission from someone at DPW, discussing the area. We spoke at the Planning Commission and they agreed to leave the density as it is now rather than to increase it in the GP Update. She remembers the area by the San Vicente Drainage project flooding before the current improvements were made. She will send Mr. McMicheaux the information on the Raymond/Kelly Street flooding from the Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Tobiason asked that the pipeline by San Vicente be changed to dump the water onto the open field rather into the ag parking lot.

Mr. Deskovick suggested cleaning the creek beds and then see where the problems are.

Mr. McMicheaux said cleaning creeks on private property is not the County's responsibility and special permits are required. If the County hasn't done work on a drainage area or culvert in the past, they don't maintain it.

Mr. Hailey said he would like to see a workshop set up on drainage issues in Ramona so that we can know where the problems are. He was concerned when he was on the School Board with the drainages that run through the school grounds. Mr. Hailey thinks the San Vicente Drainage project will improve the west side of the road.

Mr. Brean said the San Vicente Drainage project is not his first choice, but it is not a bad drainage project.

Mr. Deskovick said he doesn't doubt the project will help the flow of water, but is it necessary? He would like to get information from the people living in that area. Is flooding an issue there?

MOTION: TO TABLE UNTIL WE GET MORE INFORMATION.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **failed 7-8-0-0-0**, with Chris Anderson, Torry Brean, Eb Hogervorst, Kristi Mansolf, Jim Piva, Dennis Sprong, Paul Stykel and Richard Tomlinson voting no.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Torry Brean and seconded by Paul Stykel, the motion **passed 10-4-1-0-0**, with Matt Deskovick, Dennis Sprong, Angus Tobiason and Kevin Wallace voting no.

ITEM 12: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

12-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)

12-B: WEST (Mansolf) (Action Items)

12-B-1: ZAP 03-069w1, 15260 Sky High Rd. Existing Antennas to be Replaced with New Antennas on an Existing 35 Foot Faux Mono-Broadleaf Tree. GPS Antenna to be Installed on Existing Block Enclosure Wall (Enclosure to be enlarged)

Jim Kennedy presented the project. There is an existing AT&T wireless facility on Sky High Road that they want to modify. They are doing a technological upgrade to broadband. The faux tree is 40 feet now and the height will not increase. There are 6 antennas on the tree now, and they are proposing to have 12. The County wants the tree to be rebranched to current branching standards. They are also going to increase the size of the equipment cabinet and add more equipment inside.

Mr. Brean asked why the equipment structure was going to be painted white?

Mr. Stykel asked if the project is visible from the road?

Ms. Mansolf said that Sky High Road is somewhat remote. Views impacted are the neighbors' views.

Mr. Deskovick said he would like to see the enclosure in earthtones.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AND RECOMMEND THE ENCLOSURE BE DONE IN EARTHTONES TO MATCH THE PROPERTY.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Jim Piva, the motion **passed 14-0-0-0-1**, with Angus Tobiason absent.

12-B-2: AD 10-061, 17212 Highlander Rd., Welsh Property. Install 5 Roof-Mounted Hybrid Wind Turbines

Ms. Mansolf presented the West Subcommittee review of the project. Each turbine will have 3 blades of 27 inches mounted on an attaching bracket. The entire length of the apparatus is 67 inches. This type of turbine hasn't claimed any birds to date. To have turbines on a property, the lot size must be at least 1 acre. Setbacks are calculated by a formula based on the size of the facility – and has to be at least 30 feet for the facility. Other area setbacks may apply. The Welsh property is 4.5 acres. The technology incorporates a solar panel and a fan driven turbine. Five turbines is the limit per property. The apparatus is powder-coated aluminum. The goal is to harness the wind, and the apparatus is flexible, has a rudder, and will turn in the wind. Right now, 1 turbine is allowed by right on a home. None of the 5 proposed will be on poles. They will be directly mounted to the home. Trees can obstruct the wind.

Ms. Mansolf said this is a new technology and the Zoning Ordinance keeps changing for these types of projects as they evolve. There is nothing on small wind turbines mounted on houses. Most are on poles. There are potential issues with visual impacts to neighbors, scenic highways, and noise. She was unable to find out if there were safety recommendations for wind turbines on private residences.

Mr. Kay, representing the project, said the wind turbines are silent and work well with 6 to 8 mph winds in producing electricity.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 14-0-1-0-0**, with Angus Tobiason abstaining.

12-C: EAST (Kathy S. Finley)(No Business)

12-D: PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)

12-E: AHOPE (Sprong) (No Business)

12-F: GP Update Plan (Anderson)(No Business)

12-G: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)

12-H: Transportation/Trails (Piva)(No Business)

12- I: DESIGN REVIEW (Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board

The Chair said the Design Review Board did not approve the cell site at the Ramona Self Storage. The tree was going to be coming out of a building, so it was denied and will be coming back when redesigned.

12-J: Village Design Committee Meetings – Consideration of Adopting a Resolution to Continue To Support the Village Design Group and Request the County of San Diego to Provide Additional Resources to Facilitate the Completion of the Ramona Community Plan

Mr. Brean said work of the committee has been stalled due to lack of funds. Each member of the committee is to go back to their member organization and reaffirm support for the work of the committee.

The Chair announced that she just heard that the committee would not have to reapply for funding in the new grant cycle. They will receive the grant applied for in 2010. Minor details are being finished at the County.

ITEM 13: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)

A. Report on SANDAG Meetings – None

**B. New Grant Cycle, FY 2011-2012, California Department of Transportation
Invitation for Transportation Planning Grant Programs Deadline – 3-30-11**

Ms. Mansolf said the new grant cycle has opened for the CalTrans Transportation Planning Grant Programs. In 2010, the County had offered to resubmit a grant for Community Development Right of Way Standards for Ramona, that had been originally submitted in 2009, but did not receive funding. She would like to request that the County resubmit this grant.

**MOTION: TO ASK THE COUNTY TO RESUBMIT THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT RIGHT OF WAY STANDARDS GRANT FOR THE 2011-2012 GRANT
CYCLE.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the motion **passed 15-0-0-0-0.**

Mr. Hailey said he would be interested in exploring potential routes for a list for the Safe Routes to School Program.

ITEM 14: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)

**A. Election of RCPG Officers for 2011: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary
(Action)**

Ms. Anderson thanked the RCPG for having her serve as Chair for 2 years. She was ready to pass that responsibility on to someone else, and did not want to be considered for Chair for 2011.

The Chair opened nominations for RCPG Chair. Matt Deskovick nominated Jim Piva for RCPG Chair. Dennis Sprong was nominated but did not wish to be considered. Nominations were closed.

Mr. Piva was unanimously voted in as Chair, **15-0-0-0-0.**

Ms. Mansolf was nominated for RCPG Secretary (no record of who made the nomination). Nominations were closed.

Ms. Mansolf was unanimously voted in as Secretary, **15-0-0-0-0.**

Nominations opened for RCPG Vice Chair. Dennis Sprong nominated Paul Stykel. Jim Piva nominated Bob Hailey. Torrey Brean nominated Dennis Sprong, who declined to be considered. Nominations were closed.

Voting Record:

Chad Anderson – Bob Hailey
Chris Anderson – Paul Stykel
Torry Brean – Bob Hailey
Matt Deskovick – Paul Stykel
Scotty Ensign – Bob Hailey
Bob Hailey – Bob Hailey
Carl Hickman – Bob Hailey
Eb Hogervorst – Paul Stykel
Kristi Mansolf – Paul Stykel
Jim Piva – Bob Hailey
Dennis Sprong – Paul Stykel
Paul Stykel – Paul Stykel
Angus Tobiason – Bob Hailey
Richard Tomlinson – Bob Hailey
Kevin Wallace – Paul Stykel

Bob Hailey received 8 votes and Paul Stykel received 7 votes. Mr. Hailey will be RCPG Vice Chair.

B. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action)

Mr. Hailey confirmed subcommittee members for the South Subcommittee for 2010: Torry Brean, George Eastwood, Bob Krysak, Thomas Levin and himself.

Ms. Mansolf confirmed subcommittee members for the West Subcommittee: George Boggs, Kareen Madden and herself. Robin Maxson submitted a letter requesting to serve on the West Subcommittee.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT AND CONFIRM ALL THOSE NAMED TO THE WEST AND SOUTH SUBCOMMITTEES.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Bob Hailey, the motion **passed 15-0-0-0-0.**

C. Agenda Requests

Mr. Brean wanted to have an item on the agenda to help identify areas of concerns for flooding so that we can possibly create a list of areas of concern.

Mr. Deskovick said that there was discussion in the past to have 'B' Street and 'D' Street for 1 way directional traffic. He would like to have this item on the next agenda.

The Chair said that 1 way directional traffic on 'B' and 'D' Streets came up when the RCPG was doing charrettes many years ago.

Mr. Sprong said he would like to put banners over main roads on the agenda.

The Chair said a group is working on being able to have a banner at the entrance to Old Town.

Mr. Stykel said he wanted to add putting Hwy 67 on the top 10 CIP list on the agenda.

Ms. Mansolf said Mr. Stykel's request was noted in December, but Transportation/Trails did not meet after that, so it will be on the next agenda.

D. Concerns of Members

E. RCPG Standing Rules, Discussion on Standing Subcommittees, Continued From 12-2-10. Consideration of Amendment to Standing Rules to Retire the AHOPE Subcommittee as a Standing Subcommittee (Possible Action)

There was discussion on where to have language on the AHOPE Subcommittee in the Standing Rules if we are going to remove it from the list of active subcommittees, but retain it in case there is a need to make it active in the future.

MOTION: TO REMOVE THE AHOPE SUBCOMMITTEE OFF ATTACHMENT 'A' AND INSERT IT UNDER SECTION VI, ITEM 4, SUBCOMMITTEES AND CALL IT '4A.' TO INSERT THE REMAINDER OF ATTACHMENT 'A' UNDER '4B' DIRECTLY AFTER '4A.'

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Torry Brean, the motion **passed 15-0-0-0-0.**

Mr. Minervini protested no decision being made regarding the adding of members to the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf